GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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RURAL GODOWNS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had formulated any scheme for construction / expansion / renovation of rural godowns to create scientific storage for the benefit of farmers for storing their farm produce;

(b) if so, the number of such godowns set up during each of the last three years State-wise; and

(c) the number of farmers benefited therefrom?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Ministry has implemented a Central Sector Scheme `construction/ renovation/expansion of rural godowns` since March, 2001 to create scientific storage capacity in rural areas to meet the requirement of farmers for storing produce near to their farm. Year wise number of godowns sanctioned under the scheme upto 31st March,2004 are as under:-

	Year	Number	Capacity in Lakh tonnes
1.	2001-02	Nil	
2.	2002-03	2570	66.70
3.	2003-04	1910	24.17
Total		4380	90.87

(c): Under the scheme, 1575 storage projects have been sanctioned in cooperative sector which are entirely managed by the farmers. In addition, 1490 projects have been sanctioned to individual farmers. Thus out of 4380 projects sanctioned under the scheme up to 31.03.2004, farmers have been directly benefited in 3065 projects.